



# UB Highlights

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**News & Events for February 1-15, 2017**

## M.S. Biology Info Session

**Monday, Feb. 6, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Prospective graduate students are invited to discover UB's new and growing community of learners dedicated to becoming experts in the field of biology. Attend the information session in the Discovery Pavilion, first floor of Wahlstrom Library, to learn about the program's curriculum, teaching assistantships, and application requirements. Register online or contact **Allison Garris**, 203-576-4108, for more information.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE

Friday, Feb. 3: Last Day to Drop Classes

Wednesday, Feb. 15: Last Day to Apply for May Graduation

## HEALTH SCIENCES

Wednesday, Feb. 15: Last Day to Apply for May Graduation

## Physician Assistant Info

**Tuesday, Feb. 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Those considering undertaking the Master of Science, Physician Assistant, are invited to attend an information session, on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library, explaining the application process and program details. Register online or contact **Leanne Proctor**, 203-576-4552, or [lproctor@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lproctor@bridgeport.edu), for more information.



## Music Faculty Recital

**Tuesday, Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m.**

UB faculty members **Lisa Arkis** and **Andrew Gordon** will perform on flute and piano, respectively, in the Littlefield Recital Hall of the Bernhard Center. Prof. Arkis has played with numerous orchestras and ensembles, at summer festivals, and on Broadway. Prof. Gordon is principal keyboard player of the Greenwich Symphony and a chamber musician and composer. He was the conductor for a recording of the children's opera, "Little Red Riding Hood," soon to be released. The recital is free and open to all.

## Purple Knights

### Home Athletic Events

**February 1-15, 2017**

### Men's Basketball

**Feb. 8 (Weds.), 7 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas @ Hubbell Gym**

**Feb. 11 (Sat.), 3 p.m., Molloy @ Hubbell Gym**

### Women's Basketball

**Feb. 11 (Sat.), 1 p.m., Molloy @ Hubbell Gym**

## Financial Aid Night

**Thursday, Feb. 9, 6-7 p.m.**

Students interested in attending UB are invited to the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library for an informative presentation about paying for college. Students will also have a chance to meet with their financial aid counselors regarding financial aid packages. Register online. For more information, contact **Jessica Crowley**, [jessiccr@bridgeport.edu](mailto:jessiccr@bridgeport.edu), or 203-576-4812.



## M.S. Counseling Info

**Thursday, Feb. 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Information will be provided in Bates Hall on UB's M.S. in Counseling, offered through two programs: Clinical Mental Health and College Student Personnel. An admissions presentation and campus tour will be given. Register online or contact **Leanne Proctor**, [lproctor@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lproctor@bridgeport.edu) or 203-576-4352.



## Education Info Sessions

**Wednesday, Feb. 8, 6-7 p.m. Bridgeport  
6th floor, Wahlstrom Library**

**Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6-7 p.m. Stamford  
5 Riverbend Drive, Bldg. 5**

Register online for a session providing information about the School of Education's application process and program details. These sessions are especially useful for those interested in initial teacher certification. For more information, contact **Leanne Proctor**, [lproctor@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lproctor@bridgeport.edu).

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### BUSINESS

**Shilla Omuriwe Buyungo '05 counseling, '09 MBA**, was a standout player on UB's women's volleyball team, which she later served as assistant coach. After returning to her native Uganda she was recruited to coach the Kampala Amateur Volleyball Club (KAVC) men's team, becoming the first woman coach of a men's team in Uganda and perhaps anywhere in Africa. In 2014 the KAVC men's team won the national championship, making Shilla a media star. Read more at [www.bridgeport.edu](http://www.bridgeport.edu).

**Mendel Murray '18**, has been awarded the \$10,000 2016-17 UB Alumni Association Scholarship. Mendel holds a 3.8 GPA and spends 12 hours a week as manager of the men's basketball team. (He volunteered for the job.) Read more at [www.bridgeport.edu](http://www.bridgeport.edu).

### CPIA

**Alpha Gamma Pi**, UB's chapter of the political science honor society Pi Sigma Alpha, has been awarded the 2016-17 Chapter Activity Grant (\$1,200), which will be used to fund "The Role of Media in Conflict Resolution," this year's colloquium. This is the 11th consecutive year the chapter has won the grant. Chapter President **Sung Soon Gaval**, Vice President **Martina Santia**, Secretary **Mireya Tipantasig-Cardenas**, and **Adrian Ramirez** wrote this year's proposal.

### EDUCATION

**Michael Wilson '03 M.S., '13 CAS**, serves as assistant principal at West Woods Upper Elementary School in Farmington, CT, where he is known as "a special superhero: Mindset Man," who inspires the students to know they can succeed. For more, visit <http://www.gettingsmart.com/2016/12/mindset-man-sparks-enthusiasm-for-growth-mindset/>.

### ENGINEERING

**Arafat Abu Mallouh** and **Zakariya Qawaqneh**, Ph.D. candidates, and **Buket D. Barkana**, associate professor of electrical engineering, have published an article in *Neural Computing and Applications*, Springer, "New Transformed Features Generated by Deep Bottleneck Extractor and a GMM-UBM Classifier for Speaker Age and Gender Classification," DOI: 10.1007/s00521-017-2848-4.

## FACULTY & STAFF

### HEALTH SCIENCES

**David M. Brady**, vice-president for health sciences, had his work on fibromyalgia cited as one of the "Top 10 News and Commentary of 2016" at IntegrativePractitioner.com. Dr. Brady's new book, *The Fibro Fix*, offers information on proper diagnosis of fibromyalgia. He recently joined the advisory board for the Cell Science Systems Labs.

## Good News

On December 14, *Online MBA Today* released its list of the "Top 30 Online MBA Programs in Business Analytics," which included UB's Ernest C. Trefz School of Business. According to the publication, "The ranking is intended to help online MBA students find the best programs in this exciting field and help students gain a competitive edge in the job market."



UB's online degree programs, celebrated for providing exceptional individualized support for students enrolled in distance-learning courses, have been named among the top in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report's* "2017 Best Online Education Programs." For details, see the story at [www.bridgeport.edu](http://www.bridgeport.edu).



New publication! UB's news is on the go, thanks to the new *UB Monthly*. The e-newsletter launched on January 18 will offer breaking news, feature articles, and updates about alumni reunions and other important events open to campus and community. To sign up to receive the newsletter, contact **Leslie Geary** at [lgeary@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lgeary@bridgeport.edu).



UB's Physician Assistant Institute will host their Fifth Annual Scholarship Gala on February 18, 2017 at the Trumbull Marriott, to benefit the Bruce C. Fichandler Student Society and the Class of 2017. RSVP by February 12 and get tickets by visiting <https://give.bridgeport.edu/pages/registration---pai-gala-2017>

**Did we miss something?** *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, [UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu](mailto:UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu), or call x4988.